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SUBJ: JCC INVITATION OF ASTRONAUT TO ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1. FORMER PRIMIN NOBUSUKE KISHI HAS EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT TO EMBOFF FOR JAPAN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSAL TO INVITE AN AMERICAN LUNAR ASTRONAUT TO ADDRESS 23RD ANNUAL JCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN YAMAGUCHI, OCTOBER 12-13.

2. KISHI ALSO HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING RESPONSE ASAP TO LETTER OF INQUIRY ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT SENT BY JCC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO NASA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER JOHN DONNELLY. ORGANIZER URGENTLY REQUIRES RESPONSE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

3. ORGANIZER WOULD BE PLEASED TO INVITE RETIRED ASTRONAUT, E.G. NEIL ARMSTRONG, SHOULD ASSEMBLY DATES CONFLICT WITH ACTIVE ASTRONAUT COMMITMENTS.

4. JCC ORGANIZATION (40,000 MEMBERS) HAS OFTEN PROVIDED EFFECTIVE FORUM FOR OFFICIAL AMERICAN SPOKESMEN IN PAST.

5. FYI: JCC WILLING TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT EXPEDITE NASA RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL JCC APPROACH ASAP, AND INFORM EMBASSY.

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